MR. B. PARAMU: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) One acre of land is set apart in the Urimbikara Reserve Forest for use as a burial ground for the backward communities.

Housing of the Government institutions.

527. ✱ MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have arranged suitable buildings for housing (1) the office of the Director of Registration (2) the District Registrar's office, and (3) the Trivandrum Principal Sub-Registry Office?

MR. B. PARAMU: Yes.

Colony for backward communities at Brahmapuram in Kalkulam taluk.

528 ✱ MR. BRAHMAPURAM P. YESUDIAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any suggestions were made to Government to establish a colony and a rest house for the backward communities at Brahmapuram;

(*b*) whether any schemes were introduced to establish a colony and a rest house at Brahmapuram for the backward communities;

(*c*) whether any suggestions were made to name the colony after Sachivottama like the "Sachivottamapuram Colony" at Kurichi in North Travancore; and

(*d*) whether any decision was made by the Government?

MR. B. PARAMU: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

Mining leases.

529 [1075.] ✱MR. K. A. MOHAMED (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any new proposal to renew the mining lease of Messrs. Travancore Minerals Ltd., and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to extend the lease period of Messrs. Hopkins and Williams, F. X. Pereira and Sons and Associated minerals Co.?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The whole question of the future policy as to the mining of sands is under consideration.

MR. K. A. MOHAMED: May I know what are the new conditions that the Government are going to impose for the renewal of these leases?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The future policy is under consideration. No decisions have been arrived at so far.

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